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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : GROUP ART UNIT: 2814
ROBERT J. HIGGINS ET AL :
SERIAL NO.: 09/911,496 : EXAMINER: WILLE, D.A.
FILED: JULY 25, 2001 :

FOR: MONOLITHIC SEMICONDUCTOR-PIEZOELECTRIC DEVICE STRUCTURES
AND ELECTROACOUSTIC CHARGE TRANSPORT DEVICES

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Requirement dated September 3, 2002, Applicants elect Claims 1-

15.

REMARKS

The claims in this case have been further restricted into two Groups. Applicants have provisionally elected Claims 1-15 for initial prosecution. The Requirement is traversed.

The Office Letter characterizes the Groups as being related as "combination and subcombination." Referring to MPEP §806.05(c), the Office Letter takes the position that the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination, and that the subcombination has separate utility. While not taking a position with regard to the Examiner's comments, Applicants submit that the statements in the Office Letter do not meet the requirements set out in MPEP §806.05(c).

In this case, there is no explanation in the Restriction Requirement as to how the alternatives provided would operate for their intended purposes. Applicants thus respectfully

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